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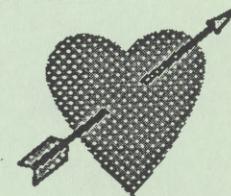
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

March 1
March 15
March 23
March 25

Ida (of Sue)
Jim (of Bob)
Lyn (of Paul)
Bob (of Don)



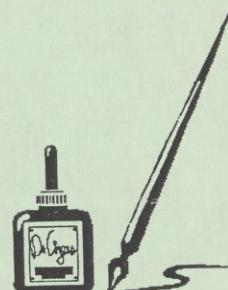
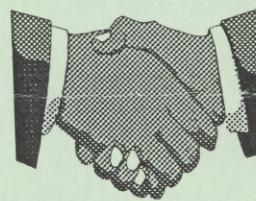
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

March 1 Bob & Jim's 31st (1963)
March 18 Jerome & Eliseo's 9th (1985)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A big GSAC welcome to Pat and Jan who joined the group at the Super Bowl Party held at Al and Juan's home, and David and Mark, the owners of Rancho Cicada. We all look forward to seeing you at the upcoming GSAC events, and meetings.



SUPERBOWL PARTY PROVED A BIG VICTORY...FOR SOME PEOPLE!!!

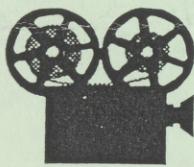
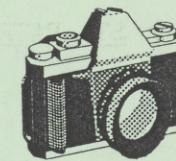
Well, ya just had to be there. With over 30 people at the home of Juan and Al, and the 31 incher' (TV that is!) turned on, the game began. With all of the squares in the pool filled, the kick-off began another year of what turned out to be a disappointment for those Buffalo fans. But hey....wait a minute! Who were the big winners? Sue and Ida won the first half of the game, winning a quarter of the pot. The game winners were Jodi and Jean, winning half of the pot. The real big winner was GSAC, taking home the last quarter of the pot. Thanks to all who played. We had a great time and we all look forward to seeing Buffalo again next year!?



VALENTINE'S PARTY

Fourteen couples enjoyed our annual Valentine's Dance. Mandie, of Lisa took the couple photographs and these will be distributed at the next GSAC general meeting in March. Music was provided by the members, but socializing seemed to be the choice of the evening, instead of dancing. Many couples exchanged conversation over the hors d'oeuvre tables. Our very profitable raffle featured crystal pieces and wine. Birthdays and anniversaries, including GSAC'S anniversary, was celebrated with a delicious cherry-filled cake. Our guests, David/Mark from Rancho Cicada, told the group about what to expect at our upcoming visit in June to their retreat. While our numbers were small due to other conflicting Valentine's events, a good time was had by all.

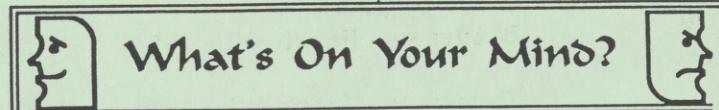
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MARCH MOVIE NIGHT

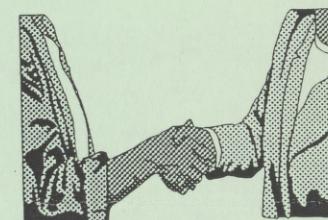
Join Steve & David in Fair Oaks for March's movie night on Saturday, March 5, 1994. David has convinced Steve that they will show another Almodovar flick: **TIE ME UP, TIE ME DOWN** Bring your favorite munchies to share. For directions and show time, please call us at 962-2123.

FROM THE ACTIVITIES COUPLE.....



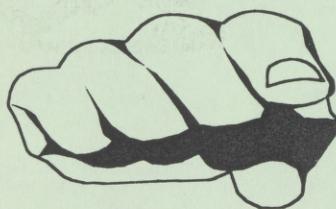
Thanks so much for the excellent response and good suggestions from last months activity survey. As a result, we have done another survey based on those suggestions. PLEASE, if you would, fill out the survey and return it to us. The postage is already paid!

GSAC is going to have some super activities this year, based on your interests. There was also a consensus of disinterest in a couple of activities, so we know NOT to pursue those. Once more, thanks for returning the postcards. We need YOUR input and support.

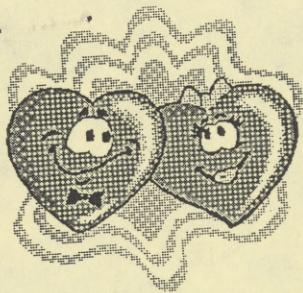


Gil & Bruce - 331-3602

GOT SOME EXTRA TIME ON YOUR HANDS?? CAN YOU VOLUNTEER??



The Gay and Lesbian community joins forces with Loaves & Fishes to feed the hungry once a month. In 1991, River City MCC began volunteering once a month at a local soup kitchen run by Loaves & Fishes. Volunteers serve between 900 and 1000 people on the 4th Thursday of each month. They need about 20 to 30 people to help staff all the different jobs throughout the day. The day is split into two different shifts: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (mostly preparing meals) and 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (serving and cleaning up). If you would like to HELP either shift or both on the 4th Thursday of any month, please contact John Fitzgerald at 447-4661 or Juan of Al at 723-8644.



THE GAYLYWED GAME & GENERAL MEETING NIGHT

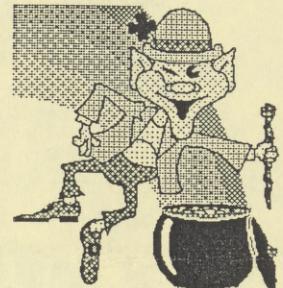
Our general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm., at St. Francis Church Parish Hall. The main event for the evening will be the GaylyWed game. It is going to be just like the TV NewlyWed game - with our own gay twist...oh!! Come and watch the trash fly. Let's see how many of those secrets we can find out. See you there!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

On Thursday, March 17th, GSAC turns from LAVENDER TO GREEN! Come join us for a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Put on your GREEN or (ORANGE) and bring your appetite, because we're gonna' chow down!

The dinner will be held at the Community Room of Camellia Mobile Home Park. Contact Gail/Katie for further details at 682-4808. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 13th.

SURE AN' BEGORRAH...WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Saturday, March 5, 1994

March Movie Night - featuring a Spanish Film. Steve/David hosting. Call them at 962-2123 for directions and time.

Saturday, March 12, 1994

The GaylyWed Game, and General Meeting.

Thursday, March 17, 1994

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 19, 1994

Sacramento Orchid Society 40th Annual Spring Show and Sale.

Please see the articles in this issue for specific details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 9, 1994

International Pot Luck Dinner and Easter Bonnet Contest (Sue and Ida hosting)

GSAC's 1st Annual Silent Auction.

Saturday, May 7, 1994

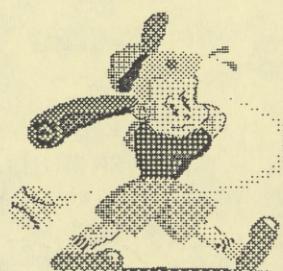
Picnic & BB'Q Day at Rancho Cicada. Dave and Mark, owners of R.C., and new GSAC members, have invited us up to their camp retreat in Plymouth for a day of fun, food and relaxation. Save this day for some REAL FUN! (Contact Bruce/Gil 331-3602 for more info.)

Friday, June 3, 1994

Rancho Cicada Campout. This was one of our hit events last year. David/Edd are coordinating.

Saturday, June 18, 1994

Lambda Freedom Fair



Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on the above events.

CHILDREN AT GSAC EVENTS

GSAC - an opportunity for couples to meet, interact and become better acquainted with other couples in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

GSAC - an opportunity for Moms and Dads to have a day/evening out where they can be with other adults in a social situation.

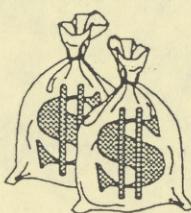
To these ends, many members feel that it is inappropriate to have children at all GSAC functions. They feel that children become the center of attention and interrupt the goals of the group.

Children need and demand attention, and when Mom/Dad are trying to interact with others, they try to monopolize Mom/Dad's attention.

We will schedule functions where we will encourage you to bring your children. Unless an event is advertised in the newsletter as a "family" function, please assume the event was scheduled with only couples in mind. Any ideas on family functions should be brought to the attention of the Activities Couple, Gil and Bruce. Also, if you would like to host a family function, please call them at 331-3602. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



FROM THE FINANCE COUPLE...WELL, IT'S TIME TO PAY THOSE MEMBERSHIP DUES



Our semi-annual dues are due April 1. In your newsletter there is a renewal notice which you should use to send in your \$30.00 check. Your dues will then be paid up from April through September. At the same time, we are asking that all member couples fill out the enclosed new application form. Why, you may ask? Well, for some time now, members have been asking about a GSAC phone directory. To respect the confidentiality of those who do not wish to be listed, we need to have those that would like to have their name, address and/or phone numbers published, twice annually, give their written approval. The sooner everyone gets their dues in, the sooner we can publish the new directory.

At the same time, the board has noticed that many of the other couples groups do not mail their newsletters in an envelope. We would like to know if you want your particular newsletter in an envelope. This is a step to reduce expenses, but we must keep in mind the confidentiality of everyone in the group. Please let us know. PLEASE return the membership form and your dues as soon as possible.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER COUPLE

We have discovered (much to our dismay) that the 20th of the month is just too late for articles to arrive. For example, this month, EVERYTHING arrived on or after the 20th of the month! (To those of you who mailed your articles to us....thanks. We did receive them before the 20th.)

Every article must be re-typed, proofread, and in some instances, edited, in order to get to "final text copy." Then we must cut and paste, insert graphics, print, fold, add inserts, print labels, affix postage, verify, and mail....WHEW!!!

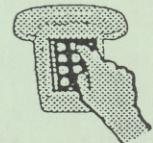
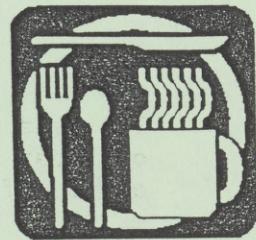
We are now setting a new deadline of the 15th of the month for receipt of all articles for publication in the newsletter. If we receive the article after the 15th, it will appear in the following months issue.



INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK AND EASTER BONNET PARADE



Once again all those fantastic GSAC chefs have a chance to strut their stuff, in more ways than one! On Saturday, April 9th, Sue/Ida will host our Annual International Pot Luck. This night awards you the chance to experiment with all those culinary delights you always skip over in the recipe books. GSAC is known far and wide, and some of us far too wide, for good cooks. We want to provide as many different delectable dishes to dive into as possible, so clear your calendar. We plan to represent man countries and cultures, not only in our food preparation, but also in our decor and raffle items. If you have an item that you would like to donate to GSAC that has a foreign origin or if you are at a loss for ideas or recipes, please call Sue/Ida at 689-1927/ We hope to collect many exciting representations for our raffle. In addition, since our dinner is the night before Easter, we felt that an Easter bonnet and parade is in order. So dig out the bonnet or better yet, show your imagination, and make a new one! There will be an exciting prize, after the parade, for the best Easter bonnet. Please feel free to let your imagination run wild on your bonnets and let's have a great Easter parade!!!



1ST ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION - FUNDRAISER



First, the good news. Unique items will be available for bidding. These items have been donated by GSAC'ers and everywhere else we could get them. All items up for bid will be on display.

One item in particular, that's sure to go that evening, is 2 passes to Hearst Castle. Thank you Norma and Ruth for your generous donation.

Now, the bad news. When you bid, you may be OVERBID by someone else, but you can increase YOUR bid also. Details of the bidding process will be discussed at the event. By the way, bidding will suddenly come to an end....so bid wisely!

If you have any item(s) that you want to donate and cannot attend, please call Al/Albert at 453-0319 to make arrangements.

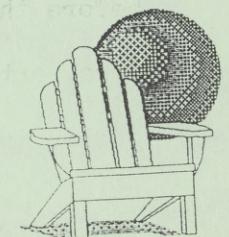
P.S. Cash and checks will be graciously accepted for payment. Come join the fun.

GSAC GOES TO CAMP

That's right campers, mark your calendars for June 3rd to the 5th. GSAC will once again return to Rancho Cicada for its second annual weekend retreat.



For those of you who did not attend last year, you have a second chance! You heard all the tales, saw the pictures...So don't miss out this year. The event will be catered again, but this year we have new caterers. The cost is \$220.00 per couple and includes food and lodging. Space is limited. It is suggested you make reservations as soon as possible. You can reserve your very own tent now by sending a deposit check made out to GSAC, for \$100.00, by April 15th. The balance of \$120.00 will be due on May 15th. Please note on your check that it is for Rancho Cicada. Mail deposit checks to GSAC, P.O. Box 861, Sacramento, CA 95812-0861. Dave and Edd are hosting this years event. For more information, please call them at 682-7651. We will be printing further information in next months newsletter.



GSAC COUPLE PROFILES....

The GSAC Newsletter would like to feature articles each month about member couples. A short profile on how you met, fell in love and lived happily ever after is all that's needed. Please send these profiles to:

John/Marty
P.O. BOX 861
Sacramento, CA 95812-0861

The first two profiles are those of Al/Juan, our Chair Couple, and Sue/Ida, our Vice Chair Couple. Enjoy!

COUPLE PROFILE - AL AND JUAN, CHAIR COUPLE

Juan and I met, well....it was 2 am on a Saturday night. We had actually met a few hours earlier outside Faces, while waiting in line to get in. Well, if you know Juan, he started up a conversation as we waited in line, which was about 45 minutes. Once we entered the bar, we went our separate directions, occasionally passing and nodding to each other.

Well, back to the beginning...it was 2 am, and as on every Saturday night, a large group of people had gathered outside (for what is otherwise known as the 2 am leftovers.) I (Al) got up the nerve to ask, "Would you like to go to coffee or something?" In a few minutes we found ourselves at Lyons having coffee and talking until late into the morning. What I had not told Juan at this point was that I had noticed him at Faces several weeks prior to our meeting. I looked up, and way across the room I saw him. This gorgeous man, hair was short, skin of a golden brown. My heart started beating so hard I could feel the veins in my neck. Suddenly he was gone. Well, there we were sitting at Lyons, just talking away. It was getting late and I said that I had to go. The next thing I remember is that we were sitting in my car, and you'll never believe what we were doing. That's right, talking again! I could barely keep my eyes open, as it was approaching 5 am. I looked at this man in my car, I saw those big beautiful eyes, that golden brown skin and right in the middle of his sentence I asked the BIG question. "Would you like to come to my house or something?" He responded with "I never thought you'd ask."

We dated for a while. During this time Juan was getting over a short failed relationship, and seeing other people. Then I asked him if he wanted to go away for a long weekend to Mammoth Lakes, and off we went! I believe that this is where we really fell in LOVE. After a few months, we moved in together and then came the next BIG question. Juan asked if I would marry him. I couldn't believe my ears and responded with "say this again." Of course, I said YES and right away said WHEN?

In July of the following year, we were married at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. Then took off to Mexico for a two week honeymoon tour of Cancun, Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta. We will be celebrating our third anniversary this July. Juan works for Bill Graham Presents working concerts and the sort. I work as a sales representative for Pinpoint Retail Systems, a computerized cash register company. We live happily in Citrus Heights and enjoy gardening, biking, hiking, movies. Al enjoys hanging around the farm animals at the State Fair. Those city folks, ya know!

Our biggest impression of GSAC, is the longevity of relationships in our group. We feel like pups in comparison to many others. It seems to us that the average is 10 to 13 years, but we know of one couple that will be celebrating 31 years this month. The bottom line of this story is that we didn't shoot at the ground, but we did strike it rich with love. We don't live in the hills, but we do live in the Heights, Citrus Heights that is.

COUPLE PROFILE - SUE AND IDA, VICE CHAIR COUPLE

I interviewed for a position at a local veterinary hospital where Sue was the Office Manager. Along with my qualifications, she says she hired me because she liked my smile and because I talked "funny". Over the next year we became good friends.

One day at work, Sue asked me if I would like to meet her and another co-worker at the "Parking Lot" for a drink, then go to her softball game. When we returned to the bar after the game, Sue leaned into the car and kissed me goodnight. I was herstory!!!, hopelessly in love and confused. But, making a long story short, three months later we moved in together, and that was fourteen years ago. We raised my three daughters, now have two grandsons and are blessed with one daughter-in-law. After the girls were gone, we filled our "empty nest syndrome" with three, most of the time delightful, cats. Sue works as a Public Housing Manager for disabled and elderly, with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. I am the Administrator at Mueller Animal Hospital. Aside from our active interest in GSAC, we are also very active in the Sacramento Orchid Society, and of course, softball! Our orchid collection and greenhouse require a lot of our spare time, but we also enjoy camping, antique shopping, and gardening.

The Sacramento Orchid Society will host the 40th Annual Spring Show and Sale at Capitol Plaza Halls, 1215 'J' Street on Saturday, March 19th from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, March 20th from 11 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$3.00 at the door. There will be free parking at 11th Street and 'J' Street. The show includes floor gardens, table displays of orchids, arrangements and corsages. All of these activities are considered for AOS judging. If you are interested in growing orchids, this is an excellent time to come get acquainted with the growers and learn about the Society. If you want more information, call Ida/Sue at 689-1927.

WATCH THE APRIL NEWSLETTER FOR.....

Movie Reviews, and "Dear Uncle Madge".

GSAC has its own movie critics and they will be presenting their reviews to you, then you decide if you'll go see the movie or not.

We also have our very own advice expert - "Dear Uncle Madge", and if you need advice, you'll surely get it! If you're having problems (no matter how large or small) and need advice, just ask Uncle Madge.

Write to Uncle Madge at P.O. BOX 861, Sacramento, CA 95812-0861.



Statement of Purpose

Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) is an affiliate member of Couples National Network, Inc. CNN's founding principle is providing social, educational, and humanitarian outreach to persons participating in lesbian or gay relationships. We do not have any specific religious or political affiliations. Our interest is in supporting the positive aspects of our relationships and the sense of stability that they represent for our community and lifestyle.

GSAC Committee Couples for 1994

Please call any of these couples if you desire more information about GSAC. You can also write to GSAC at Post Office Box 861, Sacramento CA 95812-0861.

Chair Couple -- Al and Juan	Phone: (916) 723-8644
Vice Chair Couple -- Sue and Ida	Phone: (916) 689-1927
Finance Couple -- Scott and David	Phone: (916) 783-9126
Newsletter Couple -- John and Marty	Phone: (916) 929-6529
Publicity Couple -- Annabelle and Liz	Phone: (916) 331-1062
Membership Couple -- Al and Albert	Phone: (916) 453-0319
Activities Committee -- Bruce and Gil	Phone: (916) 331-3602

Dues and Costs of Attending GSAC Events

GSAC couples pay dues of \$5 per month (paid semi-annually) to cover the costs of the newsletter, meeting room, decorations, etc. As a result, regular monthly meetings and most events and functions are free to members. Non-members and guests may be asked to contribute a nominal fee to attend some events. Such fees will be indicated in the event description in the monthly newsletter.

If you wish to join GSAC, please contact the Finance Couple. Dues are prorated to expire on a common date (either April 1 or October 1). Also, there is a \$10 registration fee that covers personalized name tags for each new member.

Articles Printed in Newsletter

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GSAC's Mailing List and Your Privacy

GSAC does not assist in the dissemination of data on its members. It is the policy and the practice of GSAC and Couples National Network, Inc. neither to publish last names, addresses, or phone numbers of members nor to release this information to anyone for any reason. Simply stated: We do not sell or give-away our membership list.

GSAC only uses first names in the monthly newsletter. We will not print your phone number in any article without prior approval. If you volunteer to host a function, we will not print your address in the newsletter. Rather, we will print the first names and telephone numbers (with prior approval) of the couple responsible for organizing the event. The organizing couple will give additional information and directions for the event.

Couples National Network -- Parent Organization and Affiliates

This listing of our parent organization and affiliates is current as of the date of this newsletter. Contact any of these affiliates if you will be visiting one of these cities. Sometime in 1994 we hope to update this list with telephone numbers.

- Couples of Arizona, Post Office Box 7144, Phoenix, AZ 85011-7144
- Couples National Network, Inc., Post Office Box 26139, Tempe, AZ 85285-6139
- Couples of Tucson, 4233 North Flowing Wells, #136, Tucson, AZ 85705
- LAVA (Los Angeles Valley) Couples, Post Office Box 6632, Burbank, CA 91510-6632
- Inland Empire Couples, Post Office Box 3023, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-3023
- Greater Sacramento Area Couples, Post Office Box 861, Sacramento, CA 95812-0861
- Couples of San Diego, Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
- Couples of San Francisco Bay Area, 1080 Eddy Street, Suite 506, San Francisco, CA 94109
- Rocky Mountain Couples, Post Office Drawer E, Denver, CO 80218
- Couples of Miami Valley, Post Office Box 14004, Dayton, OH 45414
- Couples of Austin, Post Office Box 684413, Austin, TX 78768-4413
- Couples of Metro Dallas, Post Office Box 803156, Dallas, TX 75380
- Alamo Couples, Post Office Box 12446, San Antonio, TX 78212-2446

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  Bob & Jim's 31st (1963)	2	3	4 ● LQ	5  7:00pm Movie Night with Steve and David *
6  6:00pm Oper. Comm.	7	8	9	10	11	12  7:00pm General Meeting and Gayly Wed Game* ● NM
13  Audry and Roxanne's 1st (1994)	14	15	16	17  6:30pm Shamrock Dinner at Gail and Katy's \$5 per person St. Patrick's	18  Jerome & Eliseo's 9th (1985)	19
20 ● FQ Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ○ FM  Tahoe Bus Trip - Contact Bruce and Gil	28	29	30	31		

* a GSAC event-non-members are asked to pay \$3.00 per person

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